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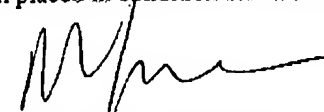
New Claims 20 and 21 have been added. New Claim 20 includes all of the limitations of previous Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. New Claim 21 includes all of the limitations of previous Claims 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Previous Claim 6 has been made dependent upon new Claim 20, rather than previous Claim 5. Previous Claim 14 has been made dependent upon new Claim 21, rather than previous Claim 13. Claim 15 remains dependent upon Claim 14. Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 13, and 16 through 19 have been cancelled since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protects the Applicants' invention.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the Claims remaining in this Application and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5, 6 and 13 through 15, though being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 20 and 21 and the change of dependence of Claims 6 and 14 meet the aforementioned criteria.

Since it is believed that this Application has been placed in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.



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